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Kudos to UWI

Before the Internet gained such wide acceptance, two UVic students working in the Fine Arts Laboratory for Extended Media recognized the commercial potential of the Internet, particularly by uniting complex business forms with communication technology. Eric Jordan and David Manning formed UWI Unisoft Wares Inc. and began plotting their business strategy with advice and assistance from the UVic Innovation and Development Corporation.

A few years later, their foresight is beginning to payoff. UWI is now a fast-growing industry leader in highly detailed electronic business forms, with UWI Masque the first sophisticated forms system that works seamlessly in a network environment. The company has established offices in Victoria, Seattle and Los Angeles.

On Sept. 9, federal Industry Minister John Manley presented the government's award for "Information Highway Heroes" to UWI for incorporating leading edge technology into a traditional business, resulting in significant improvements to productivity, market share and job creation.

Jordan is company president, bringing to the firm a creativity and vision rooted in his UVic fine arts studies. Manning is vice president of development and, with his engineering background, oversees Masque's design and development.

"(Our) early market success resulted from a powerful, flexible and open solution to customers. These are the same attributes that are accelerating the adoption and growth of Internet standards and solutions within corporations and government," according to UWI's website.

Forms designed by UWI are being used by insurance agencies, law offices, transportation, financial and human resource management firms—organizations that require complex electronic forms. Customers include BC Archives, BC Systems Corporation and Chicago-based Ameritech, which runs an on-line filing system for court documents in the U.S.

"What would we do without the University School of Music? For much of the year, there is a regular succession of recitals, both faculty and student, choral and orchestral concerts, all presented at the university, many of them free. All of them interesting. And yet, I have the distinct feeling that, to a large extent, we in Victoria take it all for granted."

DERYK BARKER
(QUOTED IN CLASSICAL NOTES,
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PHOTO BY PATTY PITTS

Testing for urban encroachment and disturbance in Graham Creek in the Saanich Peninsula is conducted by UVic researcher Misty MacDuffee, as part of a project to restore and protect the health of the Hagan Creek/Kennes Watershed. MacDuffee will soon be giving presentations about the watershed to the community to encourage their involvement in the project.

LAND USE CAUSES PROBLEMS

Healthy ecosystem is goal of watershed project

BY PATTY PITTS

Dappled by sunlight filtered through a canopy of leafy trees, Graham Creek is the picture of a healthy stream as it trickles through a wooded, undeveloped area of the Saanich Peninsula for a downstream rendezvous with Hagan Creek. But UVic Eco-Research Chair researcher Misty MacDuffee sees the tell-tale signs of urban encroachment and disturbance. A small dune of wet sand stretches out from the loamy earth into the water's path.

"We don't know the source of that," says MacDuffee, preparing to conduct several tests on the water. "Until we do, there's no point in rehabilitating gravel beds in the creek because sand can kill trout spawning grounds."

Creek rehabilitation and a healthy ecosystem are MacDuffee's goals for the 1,700 hectare Hagan Creek watershed. She's the co-ordinator of the Hagan Creek/Kennes Watershed Project, a joint effort of the Eco-Research Chair in Environmental Law and Policy, the Institute of Ocean Sciences (IOS) and Woodwynn Farms, the largest single landowner in the watershed.

The project's objective is to restore and protect the health of the watershed and, in co-operation with the community, develop a model for sustainability. First Nations people call the mouth of Hagan Creek eKennesi (pronounced Kwa-nus) for "place of whales," an indication of the rich marine life that once flourished where the creek entered Saanich Inlet.

Concern over Hagan Creek grew out of a recent Ministry of Environment study on the Inlet which concluded that many of the problems it faced—habitat loss, shellfish contamination, declining

fish populations—stemmed from land use activities throughout the creeks, rivers and watersheds that drained into the Inlet.

For the next two years, MacDuffee will work with the community to determine the current condition of Hagan Creek and begin a series of initiatives to help restore it. Her task is as varied as the creek itself. The watershed includes the suburbia of Central Saanich, the industrial park that lines Keating Cross Road, and the picturesque agricultural land at the base of Mt. Newton. The creek, which still maintains natural characteristics and boasts a small cut throat trout population near Cultra Avenue, has been reduced to a dead straight, murky drainage ditch following a Hydro right of way by the time it reaches the vicinity of the Keating industrial park.

"With the increase in impervious surfaces like roads and pavement and the management of water with storm drain systems, the water runs over the land instead of into the ground," explains MacDuffee, "and that can cause erosion, flooding, droughts and poor water quality downstream. The creek's meanders have been taken out along with the natural characteristics of a creek like rocks and tree cover. Large rocks in the creekbed help break up the energy flow of the water and introduce oxygen that fish need. We want to try to recreate the natural characteristics of a creek."

She works out of an office at IOS and uses their equipment to test a series of locations along the creek every two weeks for water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen, turbidity (amount of sediment), temperature, conductivity (electrical capacity of elements

in the water), nutrients, metals and ammonia.

As part of her MA thesis in environmental studies, UVic graduate student Zita Botelho is assisting MacDuffee by compiling background information on similar, successful community projects and making recommendations for effective watershed management initiatives.

MacDuffee expects to begin giving presentations about the watershed to area residents and community groups this fall to encourage their direct involvement in the project. By next year she hopes to have the community involved in projects like "streamkeepers" (voluntary stream custodians), eco-system based planning, and the establishment of a creek interpretation centre. Restoration and stewardship work, including creek clean-up, bank stabilization, and re-establishment of riparian zones (forest cover along the creek) will also be undertaken with interested landowners.

MacDuffee emphasizes that the aim of the project is not to just restore a creek, but to create a means for community awareness and action, creating a local commitment to long-term sustainability that will continue long after UVic's work is finished.

"This project must be driven by the community," she insists. "Once residents understand the issues and problems in the watershed and in the Saanich Inlet, I believe they will be committed to ensuring the health and integrity of the natural processes that sustain us all."

For more information about the Hagan Creek/Kennes Project call 363-6837 or email Misty@ios.bc.ca

Who's Moved and Where to Find Them

OFFICE	NEW LOCATION	DATE
Aboriginal Liaison Office	Sedgewick C186	August 29
Advisor, International Students	Campus Services 150	August 29
Advisor, Student Exchange Programs	Campus Services 150	August 29
Arts Co-op	University Centre B228	July 11
Business & Management (Continuing Studies)	Business & Economics 289	June 24
Business Co-op	Business & Economics 112	June 9
Centre on Aging	Sedgewick A111	October 17*
Centre for Studies in Religion & Society	Sedgewick B102	October 6*
Ceremonies & Special Events	Sedgewick B130	October 6*
Chaplains	Campus Services 150	August 28
Computing Education Services	H & SD B202	September 30*
Co-op Japan Program	University Centre B202	July 11
Co-operative Education	University Centre B202	July 11
Counselling Services	Campus Services 135	August 28
Economics	Business & Economics 360	May 23
Environmental Studies Program	Sedgewick C140	July 14
Equity Issues	Sedgewick C123	October 5*
Faculty of Business	Business & Economics 254	June 23
Graphic Design Services	H & SD B210	September 30
Office for the Prevention of Discrimination & Harassment		
Institutional Analysis	Sedgewick C118	October 5*
Internal Audit	Business & Economics 438	June 16
Malahat Review	Sedgewick C168	August 29
Nursing, School of	Sedgewick C119	October 5*
Occupational Health & Safety	H & SD A402	July 14
Photographic Services	Sedgewick B136	July 24
President	2nd floor, H & SD	September 30*
Research Administration	Business & Economics 452	July 22
Students with a Disability Resource Centre	Business & Economics 424	June 18
Television Services	Campus Services 150	August 29
University Secretary (Secretary of Senate & Board of Governors)	H & SD B202	September 30*
Vice-President, Academic & Provost		
Vice-President, Finance & Operations	Business & Economics 410	July 17
	Business & Economics 480	July 14
	Business & Economics 473	July 16

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Executive Director, International Affairs

The Search Committee for the Executive Director, International Affairs has issued a Call for Nominations for this position with a deadline of Friday, 3 October 1997.

Those interested in making a nomination, or in applying for the position, are encouraged to contact the Office of the President for the Call for Nominations package, which contains instructions, a position description, criteria for the position, and the Procedures for Appointment.

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UVic grads David Garrison and Shannon Hunt, winners of the BC Science and Technology Award for their publication, YES Mag: Canada's Science Magazine for Kids.

Alums win award for science magazine

YES Mag: Canada's Science Magazine for Kids, published by two UVic grads, has won the Science Council of BC award for science communication.

David Garrison and Shannon Hunt hatched the idea for the magazine while completing studies at UVic. YES Mag, with 32 full colour pages, is a quarterly publication appealing to kids eight to 14. It

includes do-at-home projects, new science, "brain busters", contests, features on Canadian scientists, environmental updates and new technology. It's the first magazine of its kind in Canada.

The Science Council award, named for CBC television science reporter Eve Savory of Duncan, will be presented at a dinner Oct. 20 in Vancouver.

New look for 22-year-old paper

The Ring has a new look, beginning with this edition, designed by Annie Weeks of Beacon Hill Communications Group. It is the first complete redesign of The Ring since your campus newspaper was first published 22 years ago. The new look allows The Ring to carry more campus news while incorporating display ads. The ads, carried in the paper for the past two years, are helping UVic Communications meet printing costs in the face of shrinking budgets. We hope you, our readers, will find that the new design, using 9 pt. Garamond light condensed body type, will be enjoyable and easy to read. Your comments are welcome. —Ed.



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Report will influence Canada's participation in elections

BY PATTY PITTS

Recommendations from a recent fact-finding mission to Cambodia co-chaired by Stephen Owen, UVic's David and Dorothy Lam Professor of Law and Public Policy, will heavily influence Canada's decision on whether to involve itself in the UN observation of Cambodia's 1998 elections. A report from Owen and the mission's co-chair John Bosley, former Speaker of the House of Commons and now an international consultant on parliamentary and democratic issues, will be presented to Ottawa later this month.

"The situation in Cambodia remains very fragile," says Owen. "The multi-party National Assembly is operating, the press appears to be free and openly critical of the government, there is very little military presence in the capital, and progress is being made towards holding national elections in May, 1998." However, adds Owen, the real test will be the prosecution of those responsible for human rights abuses and the holding of free and fair multi-party elections in 1998.

Owen says a sense of calm currently exists in most of Cambodia following the violent events of this summer between troops loyal to different factions of the country's coalition government. The violence ended with Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen of the Cambodia People's Party consolidating power within the country and leaving his coalition partner Prince Ranariddh of the Funcinpec Party, who was outside the country, claiming to be the victim of a coup. The UN Human Rights Centre released a report in late August detailing numerous human rights abuses to Ranariddh's supporters by Hun Sen forces in the days following the fighting in Phnom Penh.

The mission met with Hun Sen and the new Co-Prime Minister, Ung Huot of Funcinpec, as well as other government and opposition leaders, UN officials, human rights monitors and South East Asian ambassadors during the trip.

Canada played a major role in the UN monitoring of Cambodia's democratic elections in 1993 and

has been involved in peacekeeping efforts in Cambodia off and on since the 1950s. Canada leads the international effort to deactivate the hundreds of thousands of land mines which still plague the country.

"The land mine situation is a tragedy of major proportions," says Owen, a former ombudsman and deputy attorney general of B.C. "There are still hundreds of people being killed by them each year. Even if deactivation continues at its current pace, it will take many years to clear the country."

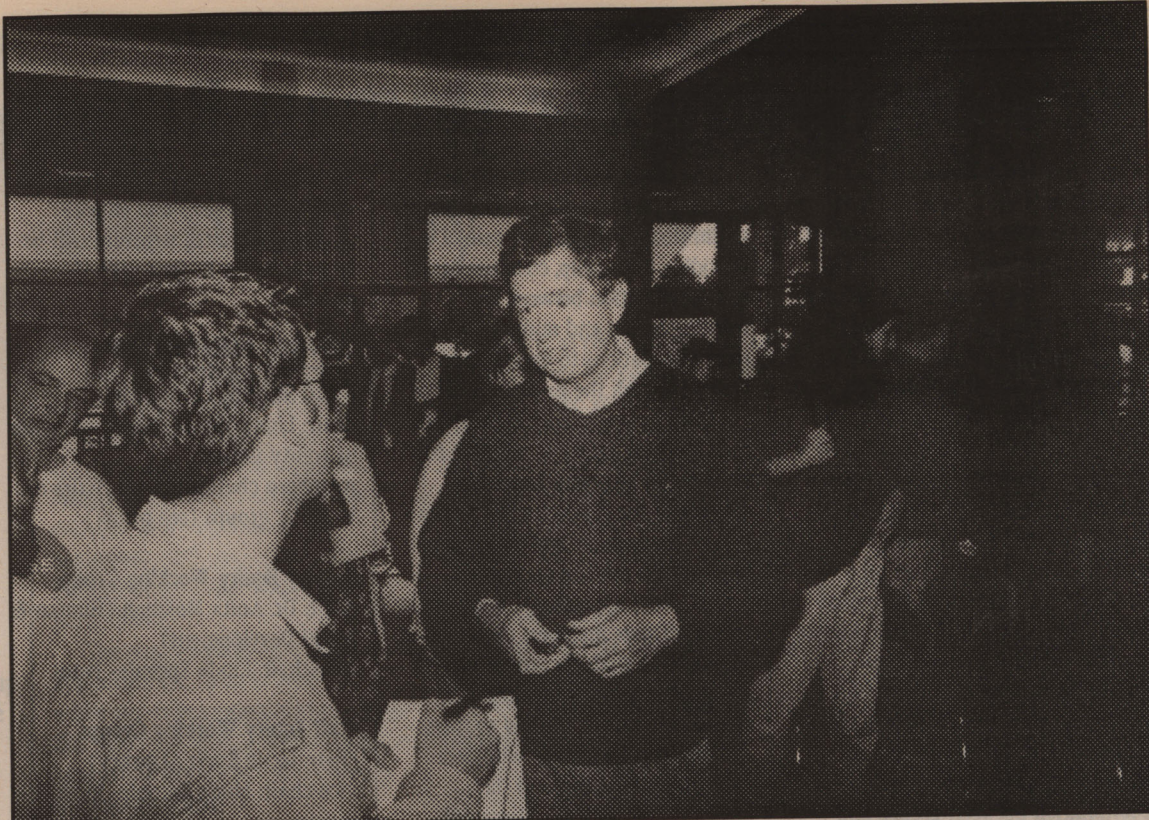
CAMPUS ALERT

Thefts of purses and wallets from offices

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, three wallets/purses were stolen from offices in the Business & Economics, Clearihue and Phoenix Buildings. The thefts occurred between 12:40 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. In each case, the office was left unlocked and unattended and the wallet/purse was insecure.

Let's work together to eliminate these reoccurring crimes of opportunity. Please do not leave wallets and purses insecure in unattended and unlocked offices.

Please report all suspicious persons immediately to campus security services at 721-7599.



DEBT LIKE A "MILLSTONE"—RAMSEY

Paul Ramsey, Minister of Education, Skills and Training, paid a visit to campus Sept. 9, telling students he intends to press for a national program of student financial assistance to reduce debt loads. "Debt is like a millstone for graduates trying to get on with their lives and their careers," Ramsey told a group of 50 students at a meeting hosted by the UVSS. Ramsey also said BC may be forced to consider differential tuition fees for out-of-province students if the gap continues to widen between fees in B.C. and other provinces. "We don't have the resources to educate the rest of the country," Ramsey said.



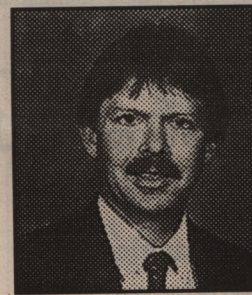
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UVic Calendar now online <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar/>
The long-awaited appearance of the University Calendar on the UVic website took place quietly on Aug. 20. The site was created as a co-op workterm project by Computer Science/Mathematics student Ryan Burgess under the direction of the University Secretary and with assistance from Lance Grant and Gordon McCague (Computing User Services).

One-stop recycling info <http://web.uvic.ca/recycle/>
Answers to all your questions about reducing, reusing and recycling, from alternative cleaning products to disposal of plastic yokes from

popcan six-packs, are available on the UVic Waste Reduction and Recycling website. This highly informative and entertaining site is generously larded with recycling

humour and colourful photographs. The site was created by Clint Abbott of UVic Waste Reduction and Recycling and Hilary Street of the UVic Language Centre.



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New structure for Human Rights

A new University Human Rights Committee (UHRC) structure is in place to continue the promotion of human rights and equity at UVic. Three working groups—the faculty equity working group, the staff equity working group, and the harassment and discrimination working group—make up the new structure, which is coordinated by a steering committee. UHRC replaces the joint advisory committee on faculty women's issues, the President's advisory committee on employment equity and the equal rights and opportunities committees.

"The intent is to develop as consistent an approach to human rights and equity as possible across all employee and student groups, to enhance communication and coordination between groups and committees serving common ends, and to foster the acceptance of individual responsibility to respect the human rights of all members of the campus community," says Linda Sproule-Jones, director of equity issues and chair of the UHRC steering committee.

"The working groups are an important part of the consultative and participative human rights and equity process," says Sproule-Jones. "They represent student and employee groups, appropriate administrative levels, designated groups, and staff members who are responsible for assisting with the implementation of various human rights and equity policies."

The chairs and vice-chairs of the working groups make up the steering committee, which has the role of providing leadership, communication and coordination between the working bodies and making specific recommendations to appropriate bodies through the president's office.

There are eight core members on each working group, in addition to the director of equity issues, the director of the office for the prevention of harassment and discrimination and the advisor on women (when she is appointed). Additional voting affiliate members representing employee or students groups receive all agendas and minutes and may attend meetings of interest to them.

The working groups will meet monthly, as required, and the president and vice-presidents will meet with each working group at least once a year.

The faculty and staff equity working groups will be closely involved with developing guidelines and providing advice and assistance to departments in implementing equity plans and initiatives for the four designated groups: women, visible minorities, persons with disabilities and Aboriginal peoples. Equity plans for appointment of women faculty have already been developed by all academic departments.

The harassment and discrimination working group, by providing a forum for discussion of related issues, plays a role in providing information,

reviewing policy and procedure, and resolving problems and issues.

The committee structure will be reviewed after its first year of operation.

UHRC MEMBERS

UHRC Steering Committee

chair: Linda Sproule-Jones, (Director of equity issues)
members: chair and vice chairs of working groups (see below)

Faculty Equity Working Group:

chair: Dr. Anita Molzhan (Human & Social Development)
vice-chair: Linda Sproule-Jones

Staff Equity Working Group:

chair: Jessie Kurtz (Library)
vice chair: Linda Sproule-Jones

Harassment and Discrimination Working Group

chair: Prof. Jamie Cassels (Law)
vice-chair: Susan Shaw, director of the office for the prevention of harassment and discrimination
In addition to eight core members on each working group, their memberships include:

—the director of equity issues
—the director of the office for the prevention of harassment and discrimination
—the advisor on women

Names of working group members can be found on the Equity Web page — <http://web.uvic.ca/equity>. For more information, please contact Sproule-Jones at local 8486 or sproule@uvic.ca



EARTH FESTIVAL

Sunny skies greeted students attending this year's Earth Festival, held around the University fountain. UVic's recycling co-ordinator, Clint Abbot, offered visitors tips on how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Ethnobotanist honoured

Dr. Nancy Turner (School of Environmental Studies) is the recipient of the world's premier ethnobotany award. Turner has won

the 1997 Richard Evans Schultes Award for her outstanding contribution to ethnobotany and to indigenous peoples' issues related to ethnobotany. "Advocate for indigenous peoples," "accomplished academic," "inspiring professor," read the flood of nominations from her students and colleagues. Turner is being given specific recognition for her leadership in partnering with First Nations peoples to bring ethnobotanical knowledge to the forefront in discussions with the provincial government on management of the ancient, temperate forests of the Pacific Northwest.

"Some people have described Nancy as 'Canada's treasure' and I agree with that," says Dr. Paul West, Director of the School of Environmental Studies. "She is one of the top ten persons in ethnobotany globally and her works are regarded as standards in the field."

The Schultes Award includes a \$5,000 US cash prize and is presented annually by the Healing Forest Conservancy, located in St. Louis and Washington, non-profit foundation dedicated to the conservation of tropical forests. Richard Evan Schultes, now retired from Harvard University, has encouraged and inspired many ethnobotanists with his work on the plants of the Amazonian indigenous peoples.

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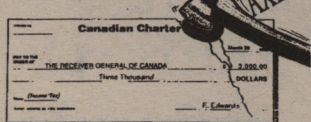
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Dr. Michael Janisse

NEW DIRECTOR

Focus on external relations

Dr. Michel Janisse began a five-year term as director of UVic Co-operative Education Programs on Sept. 1. He comes to UVic from the University of Manitoba, where he served as Dean of the Continuing Education Division from 1988 to 1996. Prior to that, he was head of the Department of Psychology and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Janisse sees co-op as "not just another way of teaching. It's a national economic strategy. There are virtually no unemployed co-op grads," he stresses.

"UVic Co-op has the reputation of being the best co-op program in the country," says Janisse. "I want to build on what my predecessors have accomplished."

"One of the most positive things about UVic Co-op is its decentralized nature, which enables co-op to adapt to new situations very quickly," he says. This adaptability helps co-op respond to the changing needs of students and co-op employers alike.

Janisse comes to UVic Co-op with a mandate to cultivate relations with the private sector. "To build our programs, we need to focus more externally, primarily on the business sector, and strengthen our partnership with business to match the strong relationship we enjoy with government."

Enhancing international co-op offerings is another priority for the new director. To this task, Janisse brings experience in developing relationships with institutions in North and Southeast Asia gained as Dean of Continuing Education at Manitoba.

Janisse hopes to build partnerships with other UVic programs to pursue joint initiatives. He also wants to develop new sources of income for co-op by working on corporate sponsorships to cover some of the costs of administering co-op programs.

"I am pleased to be associated with UVic co-op and want to make sure that all the people who work in the co-op programs have what they need to provide the best possible opportunities for our students," he says.

Janisse received his BA in psychology and history and his MA in clinical psychology from the University of Windsor and his PhD in psychology from the University of Waterloo. His research was in the areas of stress and health psychology, and he continues to consult in the field of stress management.

UVIC FIRST CHOICE FOR 43 PER CENT OF SECONDARY APPLICANTS

Profile of UVic applicants formed by survey

BY DONNA DANYLCHUK

When applications to UVic were somewhat lower last spring than during the spring of 1996, a survey to assess the situation and reduce the level of uncertainty around enrolment management and projection was conducted.

The concern that led to the survey disappeared during the summer as the actual number of student registrations increased this year over last—from a smaller group of applicants. At the same time, the *Survey of 1997 UVic Applicants* yielded some interesting insights into student enrolment patterns in B.C.

The result of discussions between the director of institutional analysis, Chris Conway, and administrative registrar, Cled Thomas, the survey was conducted from a random sample of admitted UVic applicants in the Faculty of Arts and Science. "This kind of survey is helpful in showing us the strengths and weaknesses of our recruitment activities, and in giving us a clearer picture of the type of applicant who is likely to attend

UVic," says Thomas.

The overall response rate to the survey, which was conducted by telephone, was 67.5 per cent. From a random sample of 870 applicants from B.C. secondary schools and colleges who had applied for September 1997 admission to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 587 participated.

The vast majority of secondary applicants are 18 or 19 years old while the college applicants average 22.3 years old. Both groups consist of approximately 60 per cent women, the survey found.

UVic competes more directly for secondary applicants with UBC, SFU and other Canadian universities east of Alberta, but not to any significant degree with Camosun College or UNBC.

The report's summary findings indicate that perceptions about UVic are generally positive, often based on the University's ambience, campus and smaller size.

The yield rate (defined as the percentage of admitted applicants who actually arrive at UVic) is

affected by several factors. These include "their acceptance at UBC and SFU, their acceptance into UVic residence, and the tendency for UVic scholarship awards to be lower than those of other institutions (which coincides with a tendency for the highest academic performers to show a somewhat lower yield rate.)"

Applicants rely upon a variety of information sources about UVic including friends, the Calendar, counsellors and liaison visits.

About 8 per cent claimed to use the World Wide Web as an information source, and fewer than 2 per cent claimed to rely on *Maclean's* magazine.

Among secondary applicants, 96 per cent indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the courses they had registered in. One quarter of all secondary applicants noted course registration difficulties, the majority occurring in English, biology, other sciences, or fine arts courses.

Ten per cent indicated problems with T-Reg almost exclusively

related to receiving busy signals.

The survey found that 43 per cent of secondary applicants cite UVic as their first choice institution and 34 per cent as their second choice. By comparison, 54 per cent of college applicants identify UVic as first choice, and 40 per cent as their second choice.

For secondary applicants, preference for UVic was highest in Greater Victoria followed by the mainland, and lowest in Greater Vancouver. Women tend to assign slightly higher preference ranking than men to UVic. Attending UVic implies relocating for about 70 per cent of applicants overall.

The majority of applicants who do not choose to attend UVic intend to enrol elsewhere, primarily UBC and SFU. Applicants cite a variety of reasons for selecting another institution over UVic: cost, location from home and academic program quality/availability were the primary reasons given. Secondary applicants also identified scholarship availability as a factor.

MEMORIAL

Robin Skelton

A memorial service will be held Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at the University Centre to celebrate the life, poetry and teaching of Robin Skelton, founding chair of the UVic Creative Writing department, co-founder of *The Malabar Review*, and author of more than 100 published works of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, art criticism and biography.

REVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA COMPUTING AND SYSTEMS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Vice-President Finance and Operations has established a committee to review the operations, organization and service of the Computing and Systems Services Department.

For the review committee to acquire a complete understanding of this department it would like to meet with as many people from the university community as possible in order to identify central issues, concerns and opportunities.

The committee will be available to meet with interested individuals or groups by appointment during the following times:

OCT. 1 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

OCT. 2 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

OCT. 3 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

For appointment times please call 721-7755. Written submissions are also welcomed until Oct. 10. All meetings and/or submissions will be treated as confidential and comments in the report will be without attribution.

Written comments should be sent to L. Gammon, Associate Dean of Fine Arts.

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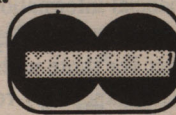
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New software puts current UVic financial info on Web

BY ROBIE LISCOMB

All systems are go for the April 1, 1998, launch of the Educational Accounting System (EASY). This on-line integrated financial management system will use SCT-BANNER software to provide more current financial information to more than 1,000 UVic account holders through their PCs and Macs.

The recent installation of the BANNER software at the University of Regina was successful, and Dalhousie University has selected BANNER for its financial, student and human resources information systems.

Here at UVic, using World Wide Web delivery secured by individual passwords, principal investigators, department administrators and other holders of FAS accounts will be able to access summary data and invoice and purchase order details without cumbersome paper file or microfiche searches.

Delivering financial information over the Web will enable most users to access their account information without costly upgrading of their computers.

Data will be easily transferred to local spreadsheets or database files, rendering unnecessary the practice, now common among many departments, of reentering data in a duplicate system or spreadsheet and then having to reconcile them to month-end FAS reports.

Protocols have been developed for downloading information into the more popular spreadsheets, including Excel and Lotus. EASY financial information will be available via the Web at no cost to users. For those without computer access, paper copy reports will

continue to be distributed monthly after April 1 upon request.

A new chart of accounts and account codes replacing FAS numbering is being developed. It will enable the University's wide range of users to customize report detail while also enabling units to be combined for review and reporting. Budget coordinator Mary Anne Gotaas is implementing a new operating budget system that will work in concert with the new financial reporting module.

Purchasing Services plans to introduce the new procurement application in November using existing FAS codes and purchase requisitions. This will require no change in procedures for departments. It will enable purchase orders and commitments outstanding at the March 31 year-end to be rolled forward into the new fiscal year. Purchase requisitions will not be entered by units on-line until fall 1998, when the new account codes and system will be familiar to users.

Several technical staff from Computing Services have taken the training required to support EASY and its ORACLE relational database management system locally, so that the University will not be unduly reliant upon outside vendors for operational support.

The EASY project team is meeting with many departments to define and specify their unique requirements. Writing Co-op student Kirsten Lauvis is preparing the user manuals and help screens to make EASY user-friendly yet powerful. Training will begin for most users in January, so there is minimal time between familiarization and going

live with the new system.

Accounting encourages users to become familiar with Web browser techniques using Netscape or Internet Explorer and to access FAS accounts on-line now so that the EASY application training in the spring can build upon basic computer skills. The Computing Education Services Group and the Help Desk are preparing to assist users both before and after April 1 (see sidebar).

Gotaas has established a listserv to provide more detailed information on EASY. To sign on, send an email message to listserv@uvvm.uvic.ca and enter into the body of the message "SUB EASY-L" followed by your name.

Ledger 1 (general operating accounts), 2 (ancillary accounts) or 3 (sponsored research and specific purpose accounts) account holders missing the information or password required to access their accounts should contact Fred Marshall at yyfm7037@uvvm.uvic.ca or local 7043.

COMPUTER NOVICES TAKE NOTE

The Fall 1997 guide to Computing Education Programs (being distributed now) will identify specific courses appropriate for computer novices to take in order to prepare for working with EASY. These offerings will relate to the basic operations of Windows or Macintosh desktop computers and basic Internet skills.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Matthew Harry Scargill

Dr. Matthew Harry Scargill, emeritus professor of linguistics and founding dean of graduate studies at UVic, died on Aug. 15 in Victoria.

He was born in Yorkshire, England, and obtained both his BA and PhD at the University of Leeds. After the Second World War he taught at the University of Bradford and then came to Canada to accept an appointment at the University of Alberta. In 1959, he moved to the University of Calgary, where he served as head of the English department and dean of arts and science.

He came to the UVic department of linguistics in 1964 and served as chair of the department and director of the lexicographical centre. In 1966 he was appointed chair of the school of graduate studies and was responsible for establishing and implementing procedures leading to the formation of the faculty of graduate studies in 1967. He served as the first dean of graduate studies from 1967 to 1970.

He retired in 1981.

Dr. Barbara Harris (Linguistics) had Scargill for her PhD supervisor while earning the first doctoral degree from the department. She describes him as, "a very witty and entertaining colleague. His favourite word was 'ludicrous'."

Scargill made distinguished contributions to linguistics, publishing 10 books ranging in subject from late Icelandic folktales to modern English. He is best known for his work as author of the *Dictionary of Canadianisms*, published as a centennial project in 1967, for which he was awarded Canada's Centennial Medal. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1970, in 1978 was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, and in 1988 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by UVic for distinguished scholarship, teaching and university administration.

r i n g e r s

Harvey M. Miller (Theatre) was invited to direct the final summer production for the University of Wyoming's 44th Summer Theatre Season. Miller directed *The Sisters Rosensweig* by Wendy Wasserstein which ran from July 23-26. Included in the production were several recorded a cappella selections by Philomela, the University of Victoria Womens' Choir, under the direction of Susan Young (Music).

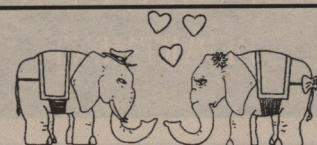
Chemistry grad students Laurel Clouston and Mark Kleinman were awarded the prize for best student presentation in the chemical education division at the meeting of the Society for Chemical Education in June. The prize was for their paper "Teaching Technique—The Organization of a Large Group Interactive Learning Experience for a Key Concept in Chemistry." It originated as a project in last fall's Teaching and Learning in Higher Education course for graduate teaching assistants. Clouston and Kleinman went on to field test their approach in a UVic chemistry course before presenting their paper.

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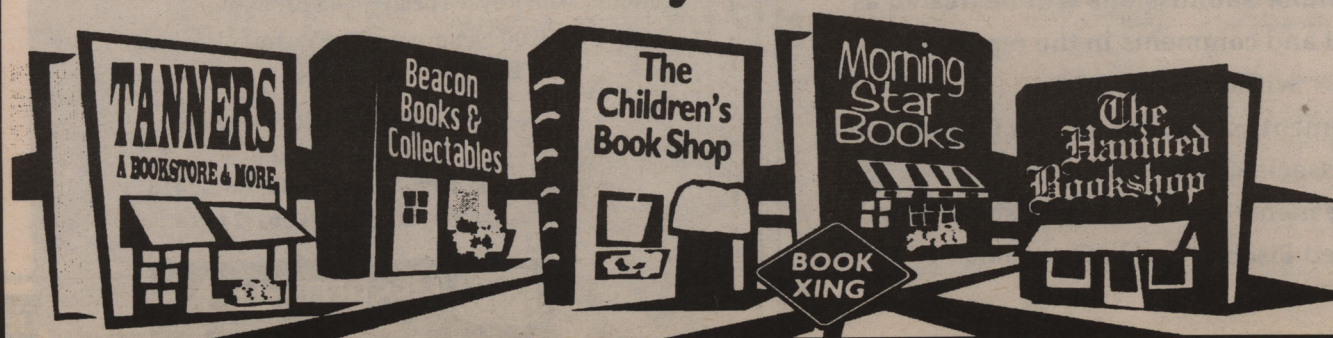


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letters

Editor:

As an undergraduate student with interests in the humanities, *The Ring's* notice on the Humanities Colloquia caught my eye. I am a History in Art major and I am conscious of a general pessimism surrounding the fine arts, a pessimism that I must sometimes fight myself. When asked by new acquaintances what I study at university, I respond, "Art History", with a secret smile, as I truly enjoy my classes, and I am proud of all that I devote to them. The next question never varies: "So...what will you do with it?" I used to falter at this question. I think of myself as an organised, goal-oriented person, but I have been unable to give a more definite answer beyond studying further.

Since I am happy studying in my chosen field, I refuse to plan too far into the future. I believe that life cannot be mapped out, or one misses out on too much. There are many enjoyable hidden corners en route. But I realised that links to the larger picture were needed in my life. This summer, through my UVIC professors in the Faculty of Art History, I found that there are many career-oriented training possibilities out there for those who seek to add to the university experience.

June and July I spent in Ottawa as an intern at the National Gallery of Canada. I worked in the newest technology-based division, The Learning Centre, under the leadership of curator, Pierre Landry. In 1995 American Express gave the NGC a grant to acquire a computer system to enable them to display their collections on-line. My job was to digitise the Catalogue of the European and American Collections. I learned new computer skills, I made new friends and contacts, I gained an understanding of the workings of a museum, attended conferences and visited related institutions. After all, an invaluable experience.

The month of August I spent in Italy, at the largest medieval archaeology site in Europe. San Vincenzo al Volturno is located southeast of Rome. Excavations for the past twenty years have been jointly led by the regional soprintendenza, and the Institute of World Archaeology, based at the University of East Anglia, Britain. The institute runs yearly summerschools at affordable rates, including accommodation, meals, instruction, evening seminars and weekend travel. This is the second year that I have been, and there may be future possibilities for me there.

This summer has been a rich one, not in monetary gains, but in career experience. From my professors, I have gained in both intellectual guidance and career-oriented experience, and I am thankful. I have written this letter as I dislike hearing about the new focus in B.C. on career-oriented training. I received a previous degree from a technical university in Canada which believes only in career-oriented study. Nearly all courses were selected for me. Instructors were mostly individuals with industry training. They were knowledgeable, but they were not teachers. In my opinion, their teaching philosophy centred around the

fact that they had made it on their own, and their formulas worked, so we the students were to just get out there and do it! Just go out and tackle big industry or big business! That may

be enough for some individuals, but be certain to leave the choice out there for those who are looking for a fuller, less systematic method of approaching life. I look forward to attending the colloquia.

Laura Marchiori

Note: For information Contact the History in Art Department, or Laura Marchiori at MARCHI@UVIC.CA

Editor:

In the September 5, 1997 issue of *The Ring* under the headline "Computer experts foresee technological future", I am concerned to note that remote-controlled private vehicle 'flow pattern' regulators are described as "environmentally friendly" solutions to traffic jams and air pollution. To the extent that individuals continue to use private vehicles when alternatives are available, such regulators may indeed help with traffic jams, but to suggest that they constitute an "environmentally friendly" solution to air pollution is like suggesting that computerized paycheque deductions constitute a "citizen friendly" solution to the national debt: it completely misconstrues the nature of the problem. We need to reduce, drastically, the number of fossil-fueled vehicles on the road, not regulate the clumps in which they move through our streets and freeways. Indeed, there may be fuel savings with such regulators, but nothing like the savings that would be achieved by a genuine reduction in the number of vehicles. Of course, such a reduction would require a change in both administrative and public consciousness, away from the quick fix of a gizmo-laden future and further erosions of individual control to better-organized cities, renewable energy, and smaller human populations. "Killer" applications of wireless technology thus may not always be on the cutting edge of necessary social change.

Jan Zwicky

Department of Philosophy

Prof to challenge modern political economy

When politicians and corporate executives produce budgets and annual reports, the stark figures on the pages reflect a method of calculating economic successes and failures that has been unchallenged for centuries. Dr. Fred Gale, research associate with UVic's Eco-Research Chair of Environmental Law and Policy, wants to change that. UVic's 1997 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) postdoctoral fellowship recipient plans to write a book that re-theorizes the relationship between nature, production and power.

"Political economic theory, in both its liberal and critical forms, has tended to add the environment onto its analysis of what's going on in the world," he says. "I want to build an ecological political economy from the ground up, by rethinking many of its basic concerns."

Some organizations appear to be more obvious targets than others. Using a pulp mill as an example, Gale criticizes the neo-classical approach to environmental problems that treats environmental pollution as a "negative externality," where environmentally negative impacts are free to the producer and thus are not factored into the price of the product.

The neo-classical "solution" is to either use economic incentives or government regulation to internalize the costs of pollution. Unfortunately, however, such solutions are rarely adopted in practice, due to the difficulty of determining exactly what "price" to place on the negative externalities and the effect of environmental taxation and regulation on corporate and national competitiveness.

Gale's research will challenge the very underpinnings of what he calls "modern" political economy.

"Political economic theory has its roots in the Enlightenment and in a modernist conception of the way the world does and should work. Its notions of wealth, value, nature, production, democracy, progress, and so forth, although the subject of heated debate in the 17th and 18th century, have been resolved within a modernist context.

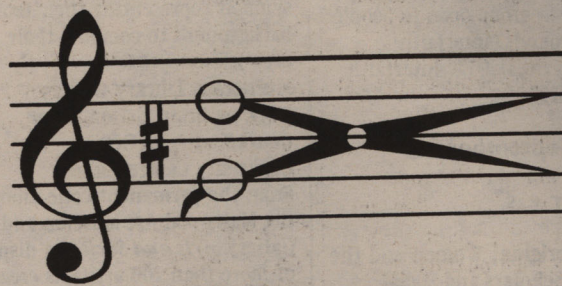
The two-year SSHRC fellowships award recipients over \$28,000 a year plus a \$5,000 allowance to help cover direct research costs.

Editor:

Finally UVic has seen the light! For more than twenty years I have asked why we send light skywards to illuminate footpaths and parking lots. Mathews would always reply "that we don't want a hodge-podge of lamp designs!" I see at last that somebody (Don Rowlett?) has recognised that it is not a bad idea to shoot light down if that's where you want it to go. Check out the new lamp at the end of the Elliott lecture wing and the new additions soon to be installed around the quad. Now if only we could get them to recognise that concrete slabs might not crack (and hence have to be replaced every 4.3 years on average) if a) they were thicker and b) heavy trucks were not driven over them. Perhaps in another twenty years!

Reg Mitchell

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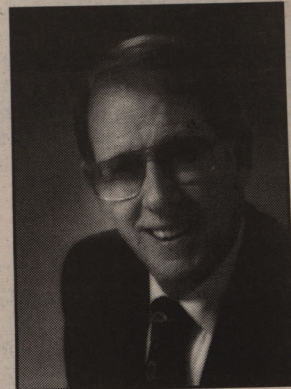
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Friday, September 19

music

12:30 p.m. **Fridaymusic**. School of Music Students. Admission by donation. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. 721-7903.

Sunday, September 21

other

7:00 p.m. **Benny Andersen**, poet & jazz pianist, reading from *Cosmopolitan in Denmark*. Sponsored by The Royal Danish Embassy and English Dept., UVic. MacLaurin A168. 721-7247.

Monday, September 22

other

4:30 p.m. **Meditation Group**. Bi-weekly drop-in group open to people of all backgrounds (Interfaith Chaplains Services). UVic Interfaith Chapel. 472-4159.

music

8:00 p.m. **JoAnn Dallsay**, piano. Master of Music Graduating Recital. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. 721-7903.

Tuesday, September 23

lectures

12:30 p.m. **Korea - Land of Morning Calm or Perennial Crisis?** Dr. Robert Bedeski, Political Science (Asia-Pacific Initiatives Brown Bag Lunch Series). Human & Social Devpt. A264. 721-7020.

other

3:30 p.m. **Can We Solve the Weather Forecasting Problem?** Dr. Edward N. Lorenz, MIT (Earth & Ocean Research and Earth & Ocean Sciences joint seminar). Elliott 062. 721-8848.
7:30 p.m. **Cruise Night- 1998** cruise to the Land of the Maya and Panama Canal. UVic Alumni Travel Program. Free, but please reserve. Faculty Club. 721-4322.

Wednesday, September 24

lectures

8:00 p.m. **The Nature and Consequences of Chaos**. Lansdowne Public Lecture. Prof. Edward N. Lorenz, MIT (Earth and Ocean Sciences). David Lam Auditorium (MacLaurin A144). 472-4100.

workshops

4:30 p.m. **Using Music in the ESL/EFL Classroom**. Cam Culham (UVic). ESL Teaching & Learning Workshop/Seminar (Linguistics). Clearihue A215. 721-7420.

Thursday, September 25

lectures

7:30 p.m. **Cultural Value and Humanities Futures**. Dr. Len Findlay, University of Saskatchewan (Vice President, Academic & Provost and Humanities). Human & Social Devpt. A240. 721-7012.
8:00 p.m. **A Tour of Sicily: Revisiting the Classical Sites**. Dr. Peter L. Smith, UVic (Greek & Roman Studies). David Lam Auditorium (MacLaurin A144). 721-8514.

other

4:30 p.m. **Meditation Group**. Bi-weekly drop-in group open to people of all backgrounds (Interfaith Chaplains Services). UVic Interfaith Chapel. 472-4159.

Friday, September 26

music

12:30 p.m. **Fridaymusic**. School of Music Keyboard Students. Admission by donation. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. 721-7903.

8:00 p.m. **UVic Concerto Concert** featuring winners of the School's annual Concerto Competition. János Sándor, Conductor. \$8/\$12 at School of Music or at door. Univ. Centre Auditorium. 721-7903.

lectures

2:00 p.m. **Cultural Value in the Humanities**. Panel Discussion (as part of the series Memory, Communication and Value: Considering the Humanities) (Vice President, Academic & Provost and Humanities). Senate Chambers (Univ. Centre A180). 721-7012.

Monday, September 29

other

4:30 p.m. **Meditation Group**. Bi-weekly drop-in group open to people of all backgrounds (Interfaith Chaplains Services). UVic Interfaith Chapel. 472-4159.

Tuesday, September 30

lectures

12:30 p.m. **Aboriginal Women and the Law**. Women Scholars and Social Justice lecture series. Ms. Judith Sayers, Chief of Opetchesaht Band (Law and Social Work). Begbie 158. 721-8147.

7:30 p.m. **Gertrude Jekyll and her Garden at Munstead Wood**. Judith B. Tankard, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA. Lansdowne Public Lecture. (History in Art). Cornett B108. 721-7942.

Wednesday, October 1

workshops

4:30 p.m. **Teaching Grammar Revisited**, part 1. Angele Segger (UVic). ESL Teaching & Learning Workshop/Seminar (Linguistics). Clearihue A215. 721-7420.

lectures

7:30 p.m. **Ellen Shipman and the Gardens of the American Country House Era**. Judith B. Tankard, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA. Lansdowne Public Lecture. (History in Art) David Lam Auditorium (MacLaurin A144). 721-7942.

Thursday, October 2

other

4:30 p.m. **Meditation Group**. Bi-weekly drop-in group open to people of all backgrounds (Interfaith Chaplains Services). UVic Interfaith Chapel. 472-4159.

Friday, October 3

music

8:00 p.m. **A Concert for South Africa**. University of Victoria Chamber Singers. Church of St. John The Divine, Quadra St. \$10 from the singers or at the door. 721-7902.

Monday, October 6

workshops

11:30 a.m. **Job Search Strategies**. Student Employment Centre. \$5. Campus Services 110. 721-8421.
3:30 p.m. **Resume Critique**. Student Employment Centre. free. Campus Services 110. 721-8421.

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4:30 p.m. **Meditation Group**. Bi-weekly drop-in group open to people of all backgrounds (Interfaith Chaplains Services). UVic Interfaith Chapel. 472-4159.

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HANYANG SCHOLARSHIPS

Korean scholarships give students eye-opening experiences

BY PATTY PITTS

UVic students Gilbert Wong and Joanna Roueche both stood out at Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea this summer, but for different reasons. Roueche was unprepared for the attention she received as a tall, fair Caucasian woman and Wong was continually mistaken for a local who couldn't speak Korean.

Wong, an international business student who, with Roueche, was an inaugural recipient of a summer studies scholarship to Hanyang, had decided it was time for an international experience.

"It helped me understand culture shock," says Wong. "I went to Tokyo on my own after and nothing surprised me there. The five-week course at Han Yang helped me acclimatize to the culture."

A Spanish and French graduate who had travelled in Europe and Mexico, Roueche found her first trip to Asia an eye-opener. "I wasn't prepared for all the attention, some of it negative, at being white in a

different culture."

Wong and Roueche attended language classes with a group of Korean-American students. On the weekends they explored Seoul. The scholarship included a five-day trip to the east coast of the country, with accommodation in "the best hotels in Korea."

They spent the first two weeks of their classes "learning the alphabet. We learned to read pretty well but could only speak words and basic phrases," says Roueche.

Still, that was enough to help them navigate Seoul's vast subway system and hit all the tourist attractions. After his first international experience, Wong says he "plans to have more" and Roueche is heading to Taiwan to teach in the new year.

UVic's Division of Continuing Studies operates an English language centre at Hanyang University which prompted the creation of the scholarship for UVic students.

MEMORIAL

Dr. Michèle Pujol

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